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December 6, 1957

TO: EUR - Mr. Elbrick *S*
FROM: GER - J. J. Reinstein *R*
SUBJECT: The Secretary's Correspondence with Mr. McCloy

You will want to look at Mrs. Dulles' account of her conversation with Mr. McCloy when you read the attached papers. I am inclined to think we should send a memorandum to the Secretary outlining the situation in the terms which I analyzed in our conversation yesterday. You might wish to consider whether I should call McCloy, whom I know quite well, and ask him if he can be a little more specific on the incident to which he referred in his conversation with Mrs. Dulles.

Attachments:

1. Memo Dec. 4 from Mr. Greene to Mr. Elbrick attaching ccy The Secretary's letter December 4 to Mr. McCloy and ccy. Mr. McCloy's letter of November 26.

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December 4, 1957

PERSONAL

Dear Jack:

I have your letter of November 26 and my sister Eleanor has reported on your talk with her.

The President still hopes very much to get to the NATO meeting, but if he makes this, which is still uncertain, he could not do anything else. Stevenson, as you now know, is not going. If Nixon goes I suppose that a visit to Berlin would not be absolutely excluded but would become difficult because of the many conflicting claims to do other things. Selection seems to involve invidious comparisons.

I am surprised that there should be any doubt about our steadfastness in respect of Berlin. If there is any such doubt, it can only be despite the fact that I have most categorically on a number of occasions, at staff meetings and so forth, made it abundantly clear that I felt we should not tolerate any infringement upon our rights, and indeed should be disposed to look for, rather than close our eyes to, any such infringement. I think this is above all a time not only to be strong but to make that evident if there is any appropriate occasion.

I was delighted to get your telegrams from abroad. They were always helpful.

Sincerely yours,

John Foster Dulles

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December 20, 1957

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Dear David:

I enclose for your information copies of an exchange of letters between Mr. McCloy and the Secretary which he has asked me to send to you, together with a memorandum of a conversation I had with Mr. McCloy recently.

I was troubled by the second paragraph of the Secretary's letter to Mr. McCloy. We have been quite conscious that there was a feeling of uneasiness in Berlin and have attributed it, as Mr. McCloy did, to the general feeling of uncertainty in Europe as to what the American reaction would be to the Sputnik development.

We did not have an opportunity to go back to the Secretary on this matter in an effort to clarify it for him prior to his departure for Paris. I hope we can do so when he returns.

Sincerely yours,

Jacques J. Reinstein
Director
Office of German Affairs

Enclosures:

1. Copy, letter from Mayor Brandt to Mr. McCloy dated November 7.
2. Copy, letter from the Secretary to Mr. McCloy dated December 4.
3. Copy, letter from Mr. McCloy to the Secretary dated November 26.

The Honorable
David K. Bruce,
American Ambassador,
Bonn.

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